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**METHOD FOR MAKING BIOCHIP  
SUBSTRATE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby submit an amendment to the specification and request that the amendment be considered and entered, without prejudice, prior to the first Office Action on the merits.

In the specification:

On page 11, lines 12 to 14, kindly delete the drawing and the text "Figure 1: coating device".

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